

Washington Report: 2007 Farm Bill

U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin is a member of the House Agriculture Committee.

Last week, the 2007 Farm Bill took another step towards passage in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Based on the debate and action of the General Farm Commodity Subcommittee, the following are the titles that will be included in the bill.

Several other Commodity Title proposals offered by other members of Congress are also being considered.

The **Conservation Title** will be included in the bill.

Other important titles include **Energy** and **Conservation**.

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The **Livestock Title** will be included in the bill.

Not surprisingly, a number of the major decisions have been delayed until the full committee report is released.

Summary: June 29, 2007 Farm Bill in the House of Representatives

Below is a summary of selected provisions included to date in the 2007 Farm Bill.

Commodity	Title
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reauthorizes- Keeps intact	and retains the basic farm safety net by extending marketing a the percentage of base acres for which farmers may receive pa

Conservation	Title
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Extends- Increased resources- Reauthorizes- Expands the Cooperative- Adds bison to	Substantially increases environmental conservation program Incentives for Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP). the Conservation Security Program (CSP). Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) to inclu the definition of livestock for the purposes of the Environmental

Energy Title	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Creates a \$2- Reauthorizes- Establishes a- Modifies the- Provides for- Creates an Energy	billion federal loan guarantee program to incentivize the constr and improves several important existing bioenergy programs. pilot program to demonstrate on-farm energy production syste Section 9006 program that allows farmers, ranchers and rural s feasibility studies for the construction of a dedicated ethanol pip Council in the Office of the Secretary at USDA to promot

Livestock	Title
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Repeals the prohibition- Prevents a State- Prohibits livestock- Makes the dairy- Extends the dairy- Streamlines the	on the use of a mandatory animal identification syste or locality from prohibiting the interstate shipment of USDA integrators from requiring contract livestock producers to forward contracting program permanent. export incentive program. federal milk marketing order process.

Nutrition	Title
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Raises the allowable- Reauthorizes	deductions to expand eligibility for the food stamp program the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (part of

Rural Development	Title
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Changes program- Reauthorizes- Establishes grant- Amendments were	eligibility requirements to improve access to broadband. t U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development programs t and loan programs for rural healthcare facilities and entrep passed regarding the development of a comprehensive r

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